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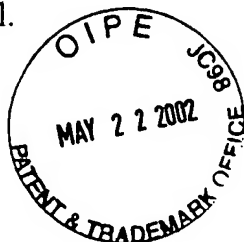
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and 1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,115,326 to BURGESS et al., issued May 19, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 5,206,743 to HOCHMAN et al., issued April 27, 1993;

U.S. Patent No. 5,287,199 to ZOCCOLILLO, issued February 15, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 5,461,488 to WITEK, issued October 24, 1995, cited on page 1 of the
present specification;

U.S. Patent No. 5,893,091 to HUNT et al., issued April 6, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,371,807 to REGISTER et al., issued December 6, 1994, cited on
page 1 of the patent specification;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,675,710 to LEWIS, issued October 7, 1997, cited on page of the present specification;

U.S. Patent No. 5,214,715 to CARPENTER et al., issued May 25, 1993, cited on page 3 of the present specification;

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Adaptive Resonance Associative Map, by A.H. TAN, in Neural Networks, Volume 8, No. 3 (1995), pp's. 437-446 and cited on page 3 of the specification;

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Rule Extraction: From Neural Architecture to Symbolic Representation, by G.A. Carpenter and A.H. Tan, in Connection Science (1995), Volume 7, No. 11, pp's 3-27;

The preceding six publications are listed at page 34 of the specification.

An International Search Report issued in PCT Application No. PCT/SG 99/00089, which is a counterpart to the instant application, dated August 2, 2000, in which the following documents were cited:

WO 97/04400 to THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, published February 6, 1997, was cited as an "A" category document (i.e., document relevant to the technological background) with respect to claims 1 and 2; the Examiner indicated claims 1 and 6 and figures 1-3 as being relevant.

U.S. Patent 5,566,273 to HUANG et al., issued October 15, 1996, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1-3; the Examiner indicated claims 1 and 2 and figures 1-3 as being relevant.

U.S. Patent 5,794,236 to MEHRLE, issued August 11, 1998, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1 and 17; the Examiner indicated the abstract and figures 1-6 as being relevant.

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GB 2278705 to SPENCER, published December 7, 1994, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1 and 17; the Examiner indicated the abstract and figure 1 as being relevant.

U.S. Patent 5,091,964 to SHIMOMURA, issued February 25, 1992, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1 and 17; the Examiner indicated claims 1 and 6 and figures 1-3 as being relevant.

JP 11085796 to CANON, published March 30, 1999, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1, 10 and 17; the Examiner indicated the abstract as being relevant.

JP 11039313 to NIPPON, published February 12, 1999, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1 and 17; the Examiner indicated the abstract as being relevant.

JP 11085797 to CANON, published March 30, 1999, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1, 10 and 17; the Examiner indicated the abstract as being relevant.

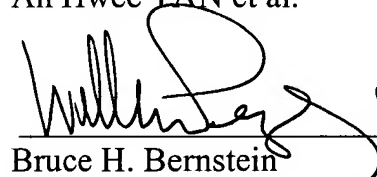
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents, abstracts and publications. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. A copy of the International Search Report (cited above) is also attached. Accordingly, the

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Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1440 Form and to return a copy of the form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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